Sale of computers by Kendriya Bhandar at higher prices

4229. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Bhandar has sold hundreds of computers at Rs. 85,500/- per computer against the approved price of Rs. 58,000/- and without quoting brand name in their invoices;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any investigation into this matter, if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether officials responsible for the above, have been identified, if so, the details thereof;

(d) what action has been taken against them; and

(e) the steps taken to transfer such officials from stationery department of the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No, Sir. Kendriya Bhandar has sold only 20 computers at the rate of Rs. 85,000/- per computer and indicated brand name in each invoice. The rates of computers depend upon the model, configuration, add on peripherals accessories, features, warranty terms etc. and cannot be compared with a standard configuration/price.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Investigation carried out by Kendriya Bhandar, has revealed that the price difference between the Suggested Retail Price (SRP) and the price charged by Kendriya Bhandar from the end user was on account of supply of various items of accessories demanded by the customer, taxes and other levies. As such, no irregularity was detected.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) & (c) above.

(e) The employees concerned with the sale of computers were transferred to other sections before the start of the investigation.

Percentage of women in Government jobs

†4230. SHRI MATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of women working as group C and D in Government offices;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the percentage of women in Government offices is much less in proportion to their population;

(c) whether Government propose to take some concrete steps for appointing more women conforming to the proportion of population; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) As per information obtained from the Report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission, women constitute 7.51% of the total Central Government employment, which is much less than their proportion in population. Out of the total number of working women in Central Government nearly 98% are working in group C & D.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal for employment of women in proportion to their population.

IAS in States

4231. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that almost all the State Governments have filled up a large number of posts of Joint Secretary level and above in excess of the sanctioned strength of IAS cadre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have not obtained any prior approval for the creation of such higher post; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (d) Posts at the level of Joint Secretary and above in the State Governments can be filled up either by way of temporary additions to the cadre, or as ex-cadre posts in a State cadre of the IAS. In the letter case, the appointments are reckoned against the State Deputation Reserve (SDR) which is 25% of the Senior Duty Posts in the Cadre. However, as the SDR is not sanctioned grade-wise excess appointments are also not computable grade-wise, ex-cadre posts for the IAS created by the State Governments within the sanctioned SDR in that Cadre do not require the approval of the Central Government. As on 1-1-2001, against a